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JUNE EVENTS AT THE NASA VISITOR CENTER

Saturday, June 5: "Model Rocket Launch"

A model rocket launch will be held at 1 p.m. on the Visitor Center grounds. Models of various rockets will be launched. Model rocketeers are invited to bring their own rockets and launch them. The launch will be canceled if it is raining or winds exceed 18 mph.

Saturday, June 12: "Flight Basics"

Come and find out how airplanes fly in this program about the basic principles of flight. Following the presentation children will construct and test three different paper airplane designs. The program begins at 1 p.m. and will last 45 minutes.

Saturday, June 19: "Sun/Earth Connections"

Celebrate the upcoming equinox by learning all about our sun and how it affects us on Earth. Following the presentation, children will make their very own functional sundial. Materials will be provided by the Visitor Center. The program begins at 1:00 p.m. and will last 45 minutes.

Saturday, June 26: "Kite Flight"

This program teaches kids about different kite designs and provides an opportunity for them to construct and fly their own kites. The program begins at 1 p.m. and will last 40 minutes.

"Puppets in Space"

"Puppets in Space", a 10-minute puppet show, will be presented at 11 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Puppet astronauts and Sam the monkey will explore space flight, including the space suit. An eight-minute version of the film "Astrosmites" follows the puppet show.

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Daily: "Space Ace"

Children ages 5-10 years can earn a "Space Ace" certificate and a lithograph during their Visitor Center experience by completing an activity sheet.

Sundays: "Humans in Space"

"Humans in Space" is the subject of a 1 p.m. program for children of all ages. The 30-minute program looks at living and working in space, including a review of the astronauts' culinary delights and their wardrobe.

The Visitor Center, part of the Robert L. Krieger Education Complex, is open Thursday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is located on Route 175 about six miles from Route 13 and five miles from Chincoteague, VA. Admission to Visitor Center programs is free. For further information, please call (757) 824-2298.

For information about the Visitor Center on the Internet, visit

<http://www.wff.nasa.gov/vc>

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